

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 5520

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, PE  
SUBJECTAC ECUADOREAN PAPERS REPORT DELIVERY OF U.S. PLANES TO PERU

REF: QUITO 4286, LIMA 5414

1. PERUVIAN PRESS JUNE 28 GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE (EL COMERCIO FRONT PAGE WITH PHOTO, LA PRENSA PAGE 3, GOP-OWNED LA CRONICA, PAGE 2) TO THE ARRIVAL OF FIVE A-37B'S AT GRUPO AEREO 8 NEXT TO THE JORGE CHAVEZ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN CALLAO ON THE PREVIOUS DAY. SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT THE PLANES WERE FLOWN FROM THE U.S. BY PERUVIAN PILOTS, AND TO AIR MINISTER PARODI'S REMARKS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE TACTICAL AIRCRAFT WERE ACQUIRED TO REPLACE RETIRED EQUIPMENT ALSO OF U.S. ORIGIN.

2. WE AGREE THAT THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE A-37'S CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON THE ARRIVAL OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT, AND CONCUR IN EMBASSY QUITO'S JUDGEMENT THAT THE "SPLASH" MAY BE INTENDED TO CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. AND PERU  
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CONTINUE TO COOPERATE MILITARILY. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH MAY HAVE INFLUENCED THE GOP'S TREATMENT OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE A-37 IS THE DESIRE TO:

-- BALANCE THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF A HIGH-LEVEL SOVIET MILITARY MISSION: AND

-- BUILD UPON THE RESIDUE OF GOOD FEELING THAT  
FOLLOWED ON THE ROSALYNN CARTER VISIT. IN ADDITION, GOP  
MAY WANT TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE A-37'S  
AS A DEMONSTRATION OF PERU'S EQUANIMITY IN ARMS PURCHASES  
WHEN THE EXTENT OF THE SU-22 PURCHASE BECOMES KNOWN.  
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